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1. I MET COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLI JAN 23 AND PRESENTED POINTS RAISED REFTEL ORALLY AND IN AIDE MEMOIRE. FELLI WAS JOINED BY SENIOR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OTOO (WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT AT ADDIS) AND DIRECTOR LAMPTEY. POLCOUNS BAXTER ACCOMPANIED ME.

2. FELLI FIRST PRESENTED REVIEW OF GHANAIAAN POLICY IN WHICH THREE POINTS WERE MAJOR.

(A) FELLI SAID GHANA WISHED TO SEPARATE ISSUES OF SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT AND OF OTHER INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. IT SOUGHT ONE RESOLUTION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA WHICH WOULD BE COUCHED IN STRONG TERMS AND A SECOND WHICH WOULD BE GENERAL AND APPLY TO ALL OTHER INVOLVEMENT (INCLUDING, HE NOTED, SOVIET, CUBAN, AMERICAN AND CHINESE) BUT WHICH WOULD NOT SPECIFY COUNTRIES. HE SAID U.S. MUST UNDERSTAND VERY STRONG VIEWS HELD BY MANY AFRICAN COUNTRIES OF SOUTH AFRICA AND ADDED, AS WE HAVE HEARD FREQUENTLY BEFORE, THAT SOVIETS HAD AIDED MPLA FOR MANY YEARS AND IT WAS UNDERSTANABLE THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO.

(B) FELLI SAID THAT GHANA HAD INSISTED TO MPLA BOTH HERE IN ACCRA AND IN ADDIS THAT EFFORT BE MADE TO INCORPORATE OHTER TWO FACTIONS INTO ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. HE SAID MPLA ASSURED GHANA

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THAT THIS WOULD BE DONE ONCE MPLA CONTROLLED ALL TERRITORY. HE DID

SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT TRIPARTITE REGIME OF CO-EQUALS WOULD NO LONGER BE ACCEPTABLE TO MPLA, I.E., THAT ANY COOPERATION WOULD HAVE TO BE CLEARLY UNDER AEGIS OF MPLA.

(C) FELLI ALSO SAID THAT GHANA HAD MADE IT CLEAR TO MPLA THAT IT EXPECTED MPLA REGIME TO BE NON-ALIGNED AND SUPPORTIVE OF OAU POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT. HE FELT (AND THIS, TOO, WE HAVE HEARD BEFORE) THAT MPLA WOULD BE ABLE TO RID ITSELF OF SOVIET INFLUENCE ONCE IT GAINED CONTROL. HE EMPHASIZED THAT GHANA WOULD OPPOSE ANY FOREIGN BASES IN ANGOLA.

3. FELLI SAID THAT POST-ADDIS CONSULTATIONS WERE CONTINUING AMONG AFRICAN STATES BUT WAS NOT SPECIFIC ON ANY ACTION GHANA ITSELF IS TAKING. HE CITED ONLY DAR-ES-SALAAM MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ADDIS.

4. HE AND OTOO NOTE OF POINTS RAISED IN MY PRESENTATION AND COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON STATEMENT THAT U.S. WOULD ATTEMPT TO ENCOURAGE SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL EVEN IN ADVANCE OF SOVIET AND CUBAN WITHDRAWAL SO LONG AS LATTER TAKES PLACE SOON THEREAFTER. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT AFRICANS RESENTED CONDITIONS BEING PLACED BY SOUTH AFRICA ON WITHDRAWAL AND THAT DEPARTURE SHOULD BE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL.

5. WHEN I MENTIONED FAVORABLY THE TONE OF CHAIRMAN ACHEAMPONG'S RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER, FELLI SAID GHANA THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT EXCHANGES AT VARIOUS LEVELS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON ISSUES CONTINUE AND IN A CORDIAL VEIN. I CONCURRED.
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